

2 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: Priority Transportation Requirements for 25X1X7
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I have sent you a requirement through regular channels which is to be levied on the transportation people. The reason for the rather voluminous nature of this request is to check the operational data against the information we have compiled in D.C. 25X1X7

The study we are making is to be a basic inland transportation study with the primary objective of determining the value of transportation to the economy as a whole. It will include background data in appendix form, much of which will be operating and traffic statistics for as long a time span as we can get. Comparisons will be made between the transportation facilities available in the Soviet Zone area for pre-war, immediate post-war, and the present time periods.

Much of the information which we are requesting is already in our hands from other sources. We are, however, interested in 25X1X7 position on much of the data available to us, plus their documentation on anything they submit to us.

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I have talked to 25X1A9a about making this contact with you and hope that this extra background on our needs will help you in your conversations. Bill is of the opinion that there is a wealth of information in the files and it might be helpful in exploiting it if we can guide you more closely in our specialized needs. I personally hope we can establish a regular system of informal contact in addition to our official channels and thereby work more closely together.

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If you met 25X1A9a when he came down from 25X1A6a you may possibly have gained the impression that we are often puzzled by the statements coming 25X1X7 and curious about the basis they have for 25X1X7 making such statements. Don's trip report was a good case in point where he said that 25X1X7 feels that the condition of the 25X1X7 is very poor and that four weeks of cold weather would completely disrupt 25X1X7 their railroad operations. Don did not feel that this was true and we have no indication that such a cold spell would be completely disruptive, beyond normal operating slowdowns in the winter time. It is for reasons such as this that we wonder why and how some of 25X1X7 predictions are made.

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In discussing the need for this information [redacted] I think it is a safe thing to assure them that they will get a copy of the finalized report. [redacted] are both trying to get sanitized versions of our ER reports to give to [redacted] I imagine you are doing the same and 25X1X7 if I can help in any way I would be happy to do so.

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The study we are doing has a due date of 30 March 1958 so [redacted] has the information we will take it in any form which is quickly convenient and hope that they give us some idea of the source of their information. [redacted] seems to be rather loath to source their material 25X1X7 but see if it can be obtained. If they absolutely refuse or if its too time consuming to source it all, we'll take the material available un-sourced. Some of the information requested on investment may be more readily obtainable from some shop outside the transportation field. It is desirable to get it no matter what the source. In any event I need the information by February 28, 1958.

I hope that we can establish a line of communication between us on a continuing basis as there are many facets of [redacted] and their reporting 25X1X7 on the [redacted] that are difficult to understand from this vantage point.

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